

Thursday Worship: Commemoration Service

"live into hope"

Thursday, July 4, 2024

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Prelude

Opening Sentences

Since we are justified by faith,

Rom. 5:1–5

**we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have obtained access
to this grace in which we stand.**

We boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

**And not only that,
but we also boast in our afflictions,
knowing that affliction produces endurance,**

and endurance produces character,
and character produces hope,

and hope does not put us to shame,
**because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.**

Remember your baptism, and be thankful.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm

GTG 731

Scripture

Romans 8:18–27

NRSVue

I consider that the sufferings of this present time
are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

For the creation waits with eager longing
for the revealing of the children of God,
for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will,
but by the will of the one who subjected it,
in hope that the creation itself will be set free
from its enslavement to decay
and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning together
as it suffers together the pains of labor,
and not only the creation,
but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.

For in hope we were saved.
Now hope that is seen is not hope,
for who hopes for what one already sees?
But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness,
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

And God, who searches hearts,
knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints
according to the will of God.

Holy wisdom, holy word. **Thanks be to God.**

Commemoration of Those who Have Died

Today we commemorate the ministers of Word and Sacrament
who completed their baptism in the years 2022 and 2023.
We also invite you to lift up the names of ruling elders
and other loved ones who died during this period of time.

Let us pray.

Eternal God,
your love is stronger than death,
and your passion more fierce than the grave.
We rejoice in the lives of those
whose baptism is complete in death,
whom you have now drawn into your eternal embrace.

*The names of teaching elders who have died in calendar years 2022–2023 are projected.
Instrumental music accompanies the display of names, with interludes of singing.*

Bless the Lord

GTG 544

Live in Charity

GTG 205

In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

GTG 654

Worshippers sing in the language of their preference.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for all the saints who have borne witness to your light.
Keep us in joyful communion with them
until we join the saints of every people and nation,
gathered before your throne in ceaseless praise. **Amen.**
Book of Common Worship 115–116

Hymn

For All the Saints

GTG 326, CLUW 388, EHP 199

Worshippers sing in the language of their preference.

Charge and Blessing

A video with youth and children's voices:

Let love be genuine;
hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

Rom. 12:9–18

love one another with mutual affection;
outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not lag in zeal;
be ardent in spirit;
serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope;
be patient in affliction;
persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints;
pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice;
weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;
do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;
do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil,
but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,
live peaceably with all.

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Rom. 15:13

Hymn Canto de esperanza / May the God of Hope
Worshippers sing in the language of their preference.

GTG 765